

**Remarks**

Applicants respectfully request the above amendments be entered before examination of this continuation application on the merits.

The specification has been amended on page 1, lines 4-8 to contain a specific reference to the prior applications, benefits of which are sought under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120.

Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 41-51 have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendments, Claims 41-51 will be pending for examination on the merits.

Support for Claims 41-45 is found in the specification, for example, at page 21, lines 31-32, at page 28, line 1 to page 32, line 30, at page 91, line 13 to page 93, line 3, and in Claims 29-33, as originally filed.

Support for Claims 46-51 is found, for example at page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 7, at page 28, line 1 to page 32, line 30, and in Claims 34-39, as originally filed.

No matter has been added. Entry of these amendments and early examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any issues regarding this application that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicants at (650) 808-3764.

Respectfully submitted,

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